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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR/MADAM:

Please enter the following amendments into the above-identified application prior to examination thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 22, lines 18-30 and page 23, lines 1-12 to read as follows:

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The portion of the outermost surface of the pattern roll 42 occupied by continuous land areas 46B likewise can be modified to satisfy the contemplated end-use application of the pattern-unbonded material 4 and, in particular, the end-use application of the pattern-unbonded outer regions 4B. The degree of bonding imparted to the outer region 4B of the pattern-unbonded nonwoven material 4 by the continuous land areas 46B can be expressed as a percent bond area, which refers to the portion of the total plan area of at least one surface of pattern-unbonded nonwoven loop material 4, e.g., region 4B, (see FIG. 1) that is occupied by bonded areas 46B. Stated